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The above items are listed on Form PTO-SB-08A which accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of each document cited thereon is enclosed herewith.

For the above cited German language foreign patent documents, an English language abstract obtained from a patent database provider is included. The cited French patent document shows a clamping device having arcuate clamping jaws and an adjustable lock for an arm of one of the jaws.

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